

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT NATIONAL INDICATOR SET NOV 2007 –  
UK HECA RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION DOCUMENT**

**NI Number:** NI 188 Adapting to climate change

**1. Is the Technical Definition of this indicator clear? YES**

**2. Does the Technical Definition for this indicator have any unintended consequences? YES**

a. What are the unintended consequences on this national indicator?

- The indicator is long and complex and requires a significant resource of officer time over and above the resources currently available for this work.

b. Can the unintended consequence be avoided?

- Provision of resources/support to undertake the work

**3. Will the Technical Definitions for this indicator work in practice? YES**

**4. Is this indicator defined at the right spatial level? YES**

**5. Should data for this indicator be provided for any or all of the different equalities strands (please tick the relevant box)?**

**N/A**

**6. Further comments on the questions above and/or any other comments that are not covered above questions.**

UK HECA would welcome a similar approach to be adopted for relevant central government policies. For instance, the building regulations should be reviewed to ensure that climate resilience is given greater focus. In particular, we believe that building specification and construction should take account of a maximum indoor temperature so that sustainable ventilation/cooling is designed in at the outset, preventing need for unsustainable cooling systems being retrofitted later.